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## PROSECUTOR KOLKOVICH ANNOUNCES PRISON SENTENCE FOR SHOOTING OF GREGORY DYKES, JR.

AKRON, OH – Today, Summit County Prosecutor Elliot Kolkovich announced that Isaiah McKinney, 20, was sentenced to a prison term of at least 11 years for the 2024 shooting of Gregory Dykes, Jr., 37, outside his apartment in Akron. McKinney was also designated as a Violent Offender, meaning that upon his release from prison, he will have to register in the Violent Offender Database for 10 years.

In February, McKinney pleaded guilty to the following charges:

- One count of Voluntary Manslaughter a 1<sup>st</sup> Degree Felony; and
- One count of Felonious Assault a 1<sup>st</sup> Degree Felony.

"McKinney made the choice to fatally shoot Gregory Dykes Jr., an act that no argument could ever justify. While nothing can bring Gregory back, I hope this sentence brings some measure of closure to his family," said Prosecutor Kolkovich. "I'm committed to continuing to work to hold violent offenders accountable and end gun violence in our communities."

In April 2024, McKinney shot Dykes in the face after getting in an argument with him outside his apartment, killing him. McKinney then threatened to shoot a witness before fleeing the scene. Surveillance footage from inside the apartment building, and witness testimony connected McKinney to the shooting.

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